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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gayral, et al.

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For : BIOLOGICAL REAGENTS AND

METHODS TO VERIFY THE EFFICIENCY OF SAMPLE PREPARATION AND NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION AND/OR

DETECTION

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SUBMISSION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed February 11, 2009 Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time, continued examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.